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"Yeah Shelton!"



A Close Group Already! The Shelton State cheerleading squad for 1998-99 are (L-R) Lee Ann Jones, April Moseley, Lauren Hartley, Ashley Crocker, Kristy Mapp (coach), Kristy Franklin, Mindy Christian, Kim Cocalie, Christy Howard, Jo Jobson, Crissy Langley, Kristy Atkins, Stephanie Shenholster and LaRae Boles
Photo by Melissa Dover

By Tamika Taylor

On Saturday, Sept. 19, the Shelton gym was filled with about 20 excited girls and guys all with their minds set on being named a Shelton cheerleader.

Practice for the tryout began at 8 a.m., with some stretching and other minor warm-ups. As the day progressed, the majority of the group got more and more nervous, while others simply left.

The cheerleaders were

coached by four cheerleaders from Faulkner Community College. Practice lasted until noon; then the group took a break.

Many girls chose to go home and relax, while others believed practice makes perfect and thus decided to stay and go through some routines instead of going to lunch.

When the survivors returned from the break at 1:30, the tryouts began.

The hopefuls went before the

judges in groups of three and four. The judges were the cheerleaders

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BBQ Bash becomes fun way to raise support

Raising money for higher education in this day and age is often a matter of courting for a long period donors who can afford to make big donations one day.

You can't raise the millions a college needs from \$20 donations. So why is the annual Barbecue Bash by Shelton such an important part of the college's fund-raising and public relations effort?

Shelton President Dr. Thomas E. Umphrey is mindful of the unique role of the annual fall event. "The Barbecue Bash has grown to become one of the college's most outstanding ac-

tivities. In addition to raising funds for the students, many community leaders work to make our college one of the top-ten schools in the country."

So the purpose of events like Shelton's Bash is to get people together in the name of Shelton, making everyone more aware of the importance of the institution in the community.

Nearly 400 people turned out Thursday evening, Sept. 17, beginning at 5:30. That was when bidding began on a silent auction for such items as a 1972 Mercedes Benz sedan! That im-

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Student Government to announce officers

By James A. Crawford II

On Sept. 14, the up and coming Student Government Association at Shelton State had its first public meeting at noon in the atrium of the Martin campus.

In attendance were Student Services Dean Humphrey Lee and counselor Tracy Branch, sponsors of the program, and about 20 students who hope to become appointed to an office this week when the SGA will officially announce its officers and council.

"The SGA will be a positive force for the students. It will provide a means for them to get more involved with what's happening," said Lee.

The new SGA will consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and representatives from each class and the Fredd campus. They will hold weekly meetings in a to-be-announced location and participate in various functions here on campus and in the community.

According to Branch, the primary concern for the SGA will be to get the student body involved in activities. "The biggest problem we have is getting more students involved. We have plenty of good ideas, but we are going to need more student support to accomplish them," said Branch.

The SGA is Shelton's newest approach to developing a stu-

dent body that has an active role in the direction the campus will take in pursuing its mission to offer higher education for the community at large.

"Through the SGA, we hope to encourage more student involvement. We are at a point in our growth where the college is to be defined for future generations. What kind of college we will be depends on what students do right now to make it materialize," said Lee.

With the advent of the SGA and the other innovations supported by the administration, such as the *Courier*, Shelton is taking steps to becoming a unique institution of higher education with an identity all its own.

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Keep Looking Up!! Dr. Albritton's Astronomy class looks to the sky to see Jupiter and Saturn, which are on fantastic display this fall. He encourages everyone to drop by and take a look on Monday-Wednesday nights on the campus

Photo by James A. Crawford II

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The *Shelton State Courier* is a "campus newspaper" written and produced with the help of students.

Among other functions, it is intended as a vehicle for stu-

dent expression and all students are urged to participate with submissions of written and artistic material.

The college seeks to fulfill the statement for academic freedom in working with the students in the production of this paper:

"The college seeks to provide an atmosphere conducive to open and honest intellectual inquiry in any college forum which is appropriate for dialogue and student participation. The students should feel free to exercise the right to dissent within limits of decorum and good taste."

All publications are subject to review by the Publications Action Group, which has been delegated the responsibility to review all college publications for content and accuracy.

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pressive prize brought in almost \$2,000 for the Shelton Foundation's scholarship fund. Some \$12,000 in all was accumulated.

To Dr. Rick Rogers, assistant to the president, though, it's not the money so much as the Shelton camaraderie that counts. "Don't get me wrong," said Rogers, "the money is important because it goes right to needy students who wouldn't necessarily have the means of going to school otherwise. But what I really enjoy seeing is all the people who come out to learn about the school, who look around and enjoy their visit with us."

Umphrey agrees with that point-of view—and he is particularly mindful of the contributions of those who help pull off the evening. "A special thanks goes to

Ashley Ferry and her committee for working many hours to insure the success of the event. Tommy Hester of the National Bank of Commerce was also quite outstanding as our M.C."

Hester was obviously having a ball as the master of ceremonies for the bingo portion of the festivi-

ties. Teasing, cajoling, moving the process along, he went through some 10 games in short order.

"I've been involved with Shelton so long I feel like a member of the staff," said Hester. "It really is a fun night when the community and the faculty and staff have a chance to rub elbows. We get to

show off the campus and tell everybody what all is going on."

There were scores—if not hundreds—of prizes given away for the \$20 admission charge, including Shelton t-shirts, hats and other items. The auction included autographed University of Alabama footballs, stays in a hotel, a \$500 airfare voucher, and the well-preserved Mercedes.

The event is financially successful, Hester says, because there are so many donors to the cause. "We get all of the gifts donated, even the cash prizes for the bingo. But we also have the meat donated by Ziegler. All told some 35 different companies donated gifts and prizes. And we musn't forget that Aaron Geer cooked all that meat for us."

One of the faculty members who took a special interest and pride in the event was Sharon Deck of the English department, who is serving

on the Foundation board. She could be seen bustling around in the atrium before the evening began, making sure everything was set for a good time.

Deck's approach to the annual Bash explains why thousands of dollars and an incalculable amount of goodwill has been produced: "I just love it. Helping out a little bit is a way of showing how much Shelton means to me."



Tommy Hester served as the MC and Miss Shelton State Laura McCray provided some of the entertainment for Shelton's B-B-Q Bash



President Tom Umphrey picks up his barbecue plate on the evening of the Bash

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from Faulkner and their sponsor. Each of the participants was judged on a scale from one to ten. They were rated on their ability to do two jumps, a cheer, a chant, and a dance.

Dean of Students Humphrey Lee said he is very excited that the school now seems to have a solid, well-coached and supervised cheerleading squad. Student Kristy Mapp is the coach and Tracy Branch, a counselor, is the sponsor.

The squad will cheer at both men's and women's games.

Lee said, "I feel that the cheerleaders will promote school spirit. We expect to see them have

activities in the atrium that will get everyone fired-up about the games."

The quad is also expected to travel with the teams for some of the away games. There are discussions underway of having the cheerleaders work the baseball games, in form of "Diamond Girls."

New Shelton cheerleader Jo Jobson said, "All the cheerleaders have a positive attitude and want to do a great job this year. I think we will, too, because I think everyone on the team has some cheerleading experience."

Some of the ideas being considered are having shootout during halftime, working on a special project for homecoming activities, and consider-

ing a change of the school mascot name from Buccaneers.

On Saturday many of the hopefuls were wishing that the tryouts were stretched over a couple of days to avoid the stress and fatigue so many felt.

After the cheerleaders showed the judges what they could do, they waited around for the 30 grueling minutes or so it

took to make the selection. The Shelton State cheerleading squad for 1998-99 are Lee Ann Jones, April Moseley, Lauren Hartley, Ashley Crocker, Kristy Mapp (coach), Kristy Franklin, Mindy Christian, Kim Cocalie, Christy Howard, Jo Jobson, Crissy Langley, Kristy Atkins, Stephanie Shenholster and LaRae Boles

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Sponsor Tracy Branch faces Saturday morning cheerleader hopefuls
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The Scene...

By Kevin Drummond

There are lots of people and lots of bars in Tuscaloosa. In downtown, though, you will not find a more interesting guy than Harry Hammonds. Harry is the owner of the oldest bar in the area. His establishment has, by far, more character than any other place in town.

Harry's opened on Sept. 2, 1972, and Hammonds can tell anyone asking about everything that has happened at his business during the 26 years it has been open.

Hammonds started his public career in Tuscaloosa playing high school basketball. He went to Tuscaloosa County High and helped the team to a 35-0 season. He went to the University of Ala-

bama on a scholarship and graduated with a degree in physical education.

After his graduation, Hammonds went to work at Southern Airways. He worked there for about 18 months and decided that was not the job for them.

He bought an old service station and turned it into the famous Harry's.

This same place has welcomed everyone movie stars to astronauts. Famous people who have stopped by over the years include Burt Reynolds, Mick Jagger, Joe Namath, and Kenny Stabler.

Inside, the patrons see many pictures and signs. Perusing the captions on the pictures, many have shaken their heads in disbelief over all the celebrities who have given

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Wednesday, Sept. 30
Thursday, Oct. 1
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pictures and autographs.

One of the astronauts who have walked on the moon wrote, "Without the Uof A and Harry's where would Tuscaloosa be?"

In an article in the *Alabama Alumni Magazine* listing the historic things from A to Z, Harry's occupies the H space.

The Wall Street Journal also mentions Harry's of Tuscaloosa on Feb. 18, 1994 on the front page.

The bar, according to

Hammonds, paid for itself within two weeks of opening.

Hammonds says he is very thankful for the support from the community and the students through the years. He has all pay-per-view football games at Harry's and everyone is welcomed in free of charge. During these games and on Monday Night Football games, Hammonds offers the patrons free food.

"I owe it to the customers and the students to pay them back for all

of the support they have given me throughout the years," said Hammonds.

Harry's T-shirts are basically the only way Hammonds advertises.

But Hammonds's best public relations strategy is his constant, hand-shaking, chatting presence in his bar.

Hammonds loves to make you feel at home at Harry's.

Nominations for Homecoming Queen will be accepted from student organizations, college departments, individual classes or individuals. Deadline for nominations is Friday, Oct. 9, at noon. Applications will be accepted in the third floor public relations department. Application forms may be picked up in the Counseling Center and in the main office on the Fredd campus.

Our Town Auditions

Monday, September 28
Tuesday, September 29
Wilson-Carr Rehearsal Hall
5:30 Pm

All SSCC students, faculty and staff are encouraged to audition for the first scheduled SSCC Theatre Department production. You may bring a prepared monologue (Not Required), but you will be asked to read from the script. Performances are scheduled for December 2-6 in the Bean-Brown Theatre at Shelton State. For additional information, contact Michael Carr at 391-2258

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Music Department announces fall schedule

The 1998 fall concert schedule for Shelton State's music department will include 12 hour-long concerts offered on Tuesday afternoons as well as the college's annual Fall and Christmas performances. In addition, a nationally recognized educator will be at the college for a one-day lecture program.

As part of the Terrific Tuesdays concert series, Joy Carden, education consultant for Yamaha Corporation, will be a Shelton State, Southeastern Music Corporation, and the West Alabama Music Teachers Association. The program, which is entitled "Motivation Students for the 90's and the New Millennium," will be held in the recital hall from 10 a.m.-12 noon. The Tuesday Concert that day will feature the music of Ms. Carden. The lecture and the concert are free and open to the public.

The former editor of Roland's Keyboard Educator, Ms. Carden currently edits the Yamaha publication Ensemble, the Resource for Keyboard Instructors. She is author of the Carden Keyboard Ensemble Series, a method for group instruction that integrates the use of keyboard technology in teaching traditional skills. She is also editor of the Carden Keyboard Ensemble Library, a

collection of repertoire of all levels and styles for keyboard ensemble performance. She is also author of A Piano Teachers' Guide to Electronic Keyboards.

She is the founder of the Musical Arts Center, a center for keyboard study and composition in Lexington, Kentucky. An educator, composer, innovator and writer, she has led active roles in main streaming keyboard technology in the Music Teacher's National Association and the National Conference on Piano Pedagogy. She is currently a member of the Electronic Music Media Festival Committee.

The two evening concerts scheduled this fall by Shelton's music department will be held in the new Bean-Brown theatre. On Tuesday, October 27, the Shelton Singers, under the direction of Glinda Blackshear, will perform an International Choral Concert at 7:30 p.m. Shelton's annual Christmas concert will be Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m.

All of the concerts are at 1 p.m. in the Alabama Power Recital Hall, unless otherwise indicated. They are free and open to the public. For more information on the fall concert schedule, call 391-2270 or 391-2344.

Sept. 29 Amanda Penick on Piano
Oct. 6 Piano Ensemble-Music of Joy Carden; Music Suite-
Oct. 13 Emperor Piano Concerto - Beethoven, Wendy Payton, Stillman Faculty
Oct 20 Broadway tunes, atrium
Oct. 27 Jazz in the Atrium, Homecoming—Dr. Alan Blackshear conducting Jazz Band

Nov. 3 Musicale, Shelton Applied Voice and Piano Students
Nov. 10 Johann Kerr, saxophone, Gary Smoke, piano
Nov. 17 Shelton Brass Quintet
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Dec. 1 Christmas Melodies, Bach to Rock directed by Glinda Blackshear

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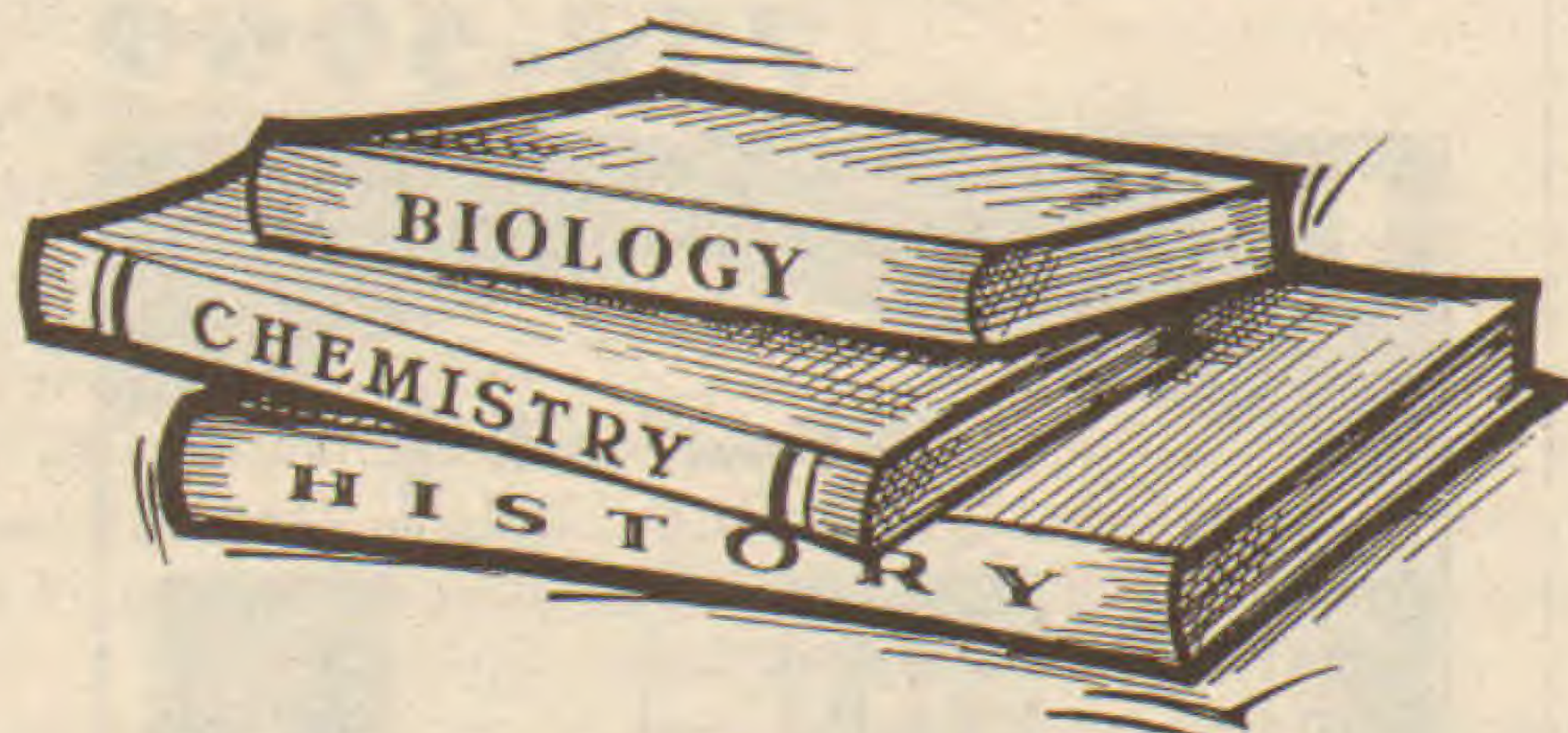
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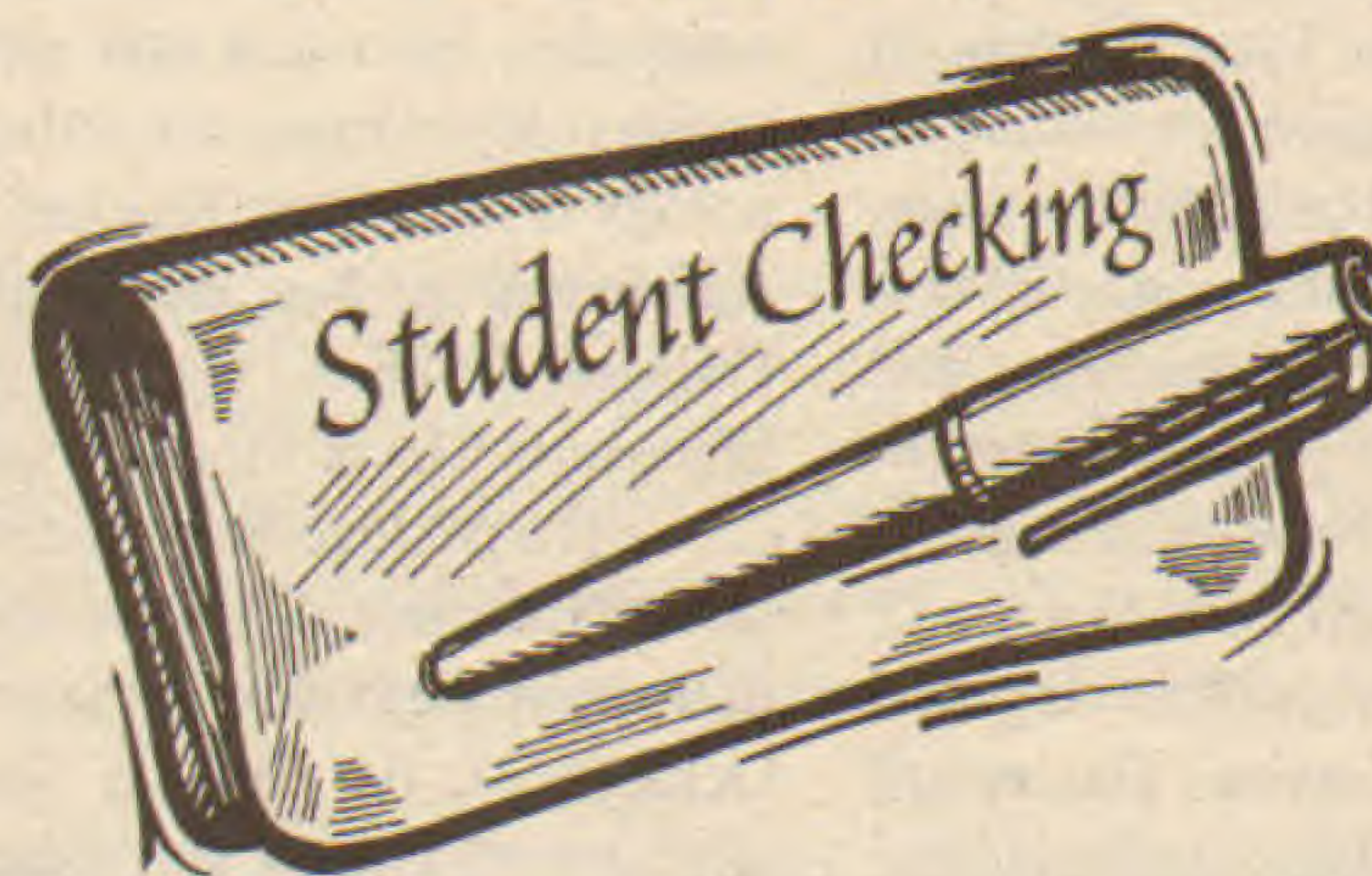
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If you haven't made it to one of the Terrific Tuesday Concerts at Shelton, you are missing some delightful, brief musical interludes. For instance, just last Tuesday, Sept. 22, Michael Bowman (a great name for a violinist) and Gary Smoke, pianist, worked through pieces by Handel, Dvorak, Brahms and Mozart in a great little concert enjoyed by all in attendance.

Preparation for the premier production in the Brown-Bean Theatre on campus is in high gear. **The first show will be *My Fair Lady*, Oct. 16-25.** One of the unique preparation has been in getting the British accents down for both the Cockney Dolittles and the patrician Professor Henry Higgins. One sheet floating around outside the audition hall gives some sage stage advice, such as: "If you are doing Standard British, DO NOT drop your H's." Another all-encompassing point: "if there are any questions, just ask one of the directors (Paul Looney or William Henderson, musical director).

Food Court "Interactive Newspaper" Corner

Time to Party?

It's 3:30 on a Thursday morning. You stumble to your car in an alcohol-induced stupor. Fumbling through your pockets, you find the keys and start up the engine. Laying beside you is your Math 101 book and you recall, suddenly terrified, the big mid-term is tomorrow. Still amazed by this realization, you notice that you've already started driving.

Bright lightsd, and impact, the math book goes flying. If only they had closed the bar a little earlier...

This entire scenario could have easily been avoided if the student would have been forced to leave the bar at a certain time.

This very situation is about to be voted on in the Tuscaloosa City Council. The current closing time for bar is "when the last customer is gone." The new mandatory time would be 1 a.m. A vote will be held soon on whether to accept this change.

Many advantages are to be had by this change. The streets would be safer at walk at night, the vulgarity level of life in T-town would undoubtedly drop, and the general health of the community would be improved.

This write sees no real disadvantage to this change. As long as the scheduled bands start a few hours earlier and play just as long, everyone should be happy.

But at what point did we students start accepting alcohol as an extracurricular activity, anyway? Whatever happened to ath-

letes being in top physical condition? Alcohol is not a very good muscle builder. And there are so many other things to do in the wee hours of the morning. The most desirable for all concerned would be sleeping. But how about some last-minute studying?

But if you're not that kind of person, there are plenty more ways to kill time without killing yourself. Read a book... have an all-night card game. Do you have anything else you do for fun other than drinking?

I don't place all the blame on the students for this behavior, though. Part of the blame should fall on the bar owners who open their door at 11 or 12, a time when reasonable people should just about be partied out. They schedule the bands to start playing this late, and when they're through the owners still stay open for boozing until dawn.

"Kids will be kids."

"You are only young once."

"At least no one died..."

These are some of the comments I've heard recently to rationalize the status quo.

But I think it's time to put an end to this kind of self-destructive student behavior. The first step is to close the bars at 1 a.m. Eventually the students will get the message and will alter their ways.

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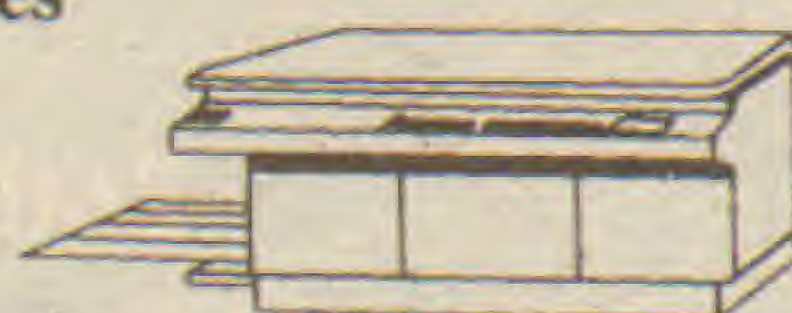
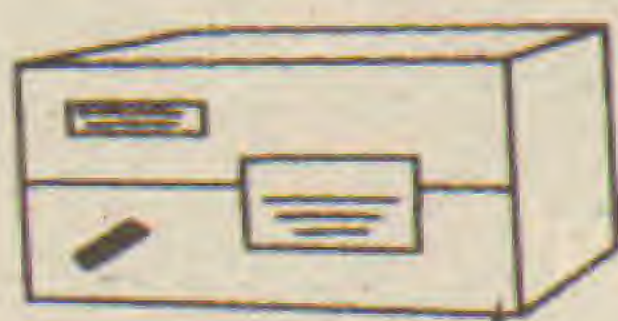
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